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Applicant : Martin R. Schiff, et al.  
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**SECOND RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)**  
**TO ACCEPT A DECLARATION EXECUTED BY INVENTORS**  
**ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND NON-SIGNING INVENTORS**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants hereby renew their petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) to accept Declarations executed by inventors on behalf of themselves and non-signing inventors. A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) requires:

- (1) the petition fee of \$130;
- (2) a surcharge of either \$65 or \$130 if the petition is not filed when the application is filed;
- (3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventors;
- (4) proof that a copy of the entire application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review;
- (5) proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers if the inventor refuses to sign, or proof that diligent efforts have been made to locate the non-signing inventor if he or she cannot be found, and;

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(6) a declaration with complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

The original petition (filed August 27, 2001) was dismissed for failure to establish requirements (4) and (5) above. In response, Applicant filed a renewed petition on December 18, 2001 that rectified the shortcomings pertaining to these requirements.

However, the Petitions Attorney noticed that signing inventors Bastnagel and Berk made non-initialed and non-dated alterations to the oath or declaration. Therefore, the renewed petition was dismissed for failing to meet requirement (6) above.

Inventors Berk and Bastnagel have now executed updated declarations. Inventor Berk's updated declaration was mailed to the USPTO on July 2, 2002; a copy is enclosed herewith. Inventor Bastnagel's original updated declaration is also enclosed herewith.

In view of the foregoing submissions and to preserve the right of the owner of the above-referenced patent application in the subject invention, the signing Inventors, through their collective Assignee, Travel Services International, Inc., respectfully request permission to prosecute the above-referenced application on behalf of the non-signing inventors.


The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 9/24/02

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